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DATE: February 4, 2016

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Norma Jean Sass *NJS*
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: 2015-16 Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant District Participation
Award Allocations

I am pleased to announce that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Education Improvement and Innovation (OEII), has awarded the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) District Participation awards to 754 districts across the state. A list of recipients can be found at <http://www.techplan.org/technology-readiness/>. TRIG District Participants will receive \$7.84 per the district's full-time equivalency (FTE) pupil count. These awards will support building the capacity of educators at intermediate school districts, public school districts, and public school academies to effectively plan and implement online assessments and "Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace" learning.

The 2015-16 award will **NOT** be allocated via the State Aid Management System (SAMs). Awards will continue to be accessed through the Cash Management System (CMS). All grantees are required to request funds, as needed, to reimburse for expenditures incurred by the program. Requests for funds can be made by selecting "Requesting Funds for a Project (DS-4492)" in the CMS at <https://mdoe.state.mi.us/cms/>. Payment to the grantee is made through the MDE, Office of Financial Management. As a reminder, if you have not requested your 2014-15 award through CMS, do so prior to accessing your 2015-16 award.

Both 2014-15 and 2015-16 participation funds must be spent for technology readiness efforts, such as:

- Online/Digital Assessment, including universal diagnostic screening tools,
- In-building wireless connectivity,

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- Network services (e.g. additional bandwidth, content filtering),
- Computer/device purchasing,
- Technology readiness for instruction and data collaborations that support online assessment readiness.

Congratulations on a successful application. For more information on the TRIG District Participation awards, please contact Amanda Stoel at StoelA@michigan.gov or by phone at 517-241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance